

# City of Greenbelt Youth Advisory Committee

**January 14, 2013**

Minutes of Meeting **January 14, 2013** approved **February 7, 2013**

**Present:** Ian Gleason, Patrick Gleason, Jason Flanagan, Kayode Lewis-Recreation Coordinator II

Patrick Gleason called meeting to order at 7:01pm

**1. Approval of December minutes**

YAC members reviewed and approved meeting minutes from the December 27, 2012 meeting.

**2. Update Mandan Basketball Courts #2**

Recreation Coordinator II Kayode Lewis referred YAC members to Assistant Director of Operations Joe McNeal for any further inquiries regarding an installation date.

**3. Labor Day Festival**

Patrick Gleason expressed his concern about the Labor Day Festival closing earlier than previous years. Gleason suggested drafting a letter to the Labor Day Festival Committee seeking to extend the event thirty minutes to an hour. Adult member Jason Flanagan noted the incidents that occurred in previous years could be addressed with proactive assistance from the Police and community surveillance cameras. Lewis explained incidents at the Youth Center decreased as a result of an increased Police presence. Lewis noted the meeting did not have enough members present to constitute a quorum and suggested the matter be discussed the next meeting.

**4. Youth Interest Survey**

Flanagan suggested distributing a youth survey to assess the types of service activities the committee could assist in providing youth. Lewis provided some samples and suggested committee members draft sample questions in order to develop a pilot survey. Flanagan inquired if there were any programs for youth using digital media. Lewis offered to put committee members in contact with an Adult Leader who coordinates the journalism club at Springhill Lake Recreation Center. Lewis also offered to put members in contact with Kristen Wharton, Volunteer Maryland Coordinator for CHEARS, to discuss and develop service opportunities.

**5. Youth Wrestling**

Patrick and Ian Gleason consulted with Department staff regarding Jacob Fletcher's desire to develop a youth wrestling program. Department staff suggested they consult with Greenbelt Boys and Girls Club in an effort to expand their current offerings.

**6. Questions/ Concerns for the needs of the community**

Flanagan explained Greenbelt Baseball's intent to place lights at McDonald field. Lewis explained previous attempts were made by the Recreation Department and City to get the community's input on the situation. Lewis noted the meeting did not have enough members present to constitute a quorum and suggested the matter be discussed the next meeting.

Patrick Gleason adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm

Next meeting scheduled for **February 7, 2013 at 7:00pm**